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On behalf of California ReLeaf, the following are comments shared verbally regarding urban greening at yesterday's workshop:

- *We commend the SGC members, staff, and this working group for their efforts to weigh in on the federal transportation authorization and the CA Consensus Document*

- *We are pleased with the draft policy statement and have two recommendations for revisions:*

    1. *Under Establishing Regional Plans and Priorities, in addition to public health, **environmental and natural resource benefits** should be fully integrated into transportation planning and performance measures*

    2. *Under Enabling Policies and Funding, States, MPOs and local governments should be incentivized through federal funding to prioritize projects that incorporate **urban greening** into scenario-based planning to:*
        o *Improve the health and quality of life of densely developed areas*
        o *Increase the use of alternative modes of transportation – e.g. greening and shading bicycle and pedestrian facilities and transit stations*
        o *Reduce urban heat island effect*

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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